

# THE ST. JOSEPH OBSERVER.

VOLUME XVI

ST. JOSEPH, MO., SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1922

NUMBER 29.

## HERE IS A TICKET THAT ALL CAN SAFELY TIE TO

For It Is Made Up of Men Who Hold the Interest of St. Joseph Above All

And Will Fully Demonstrate the Fact When the City Passes into Their Control

### DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET

For Mayor—**DR. J. C. WHITSELL**  
For Treasurer—**J. E. WEIS**  
For Auditor—**GEORGE W. KAISER**  
For Police Judge—**R. D. FULKS**  
For Councilman—**A. A. CONNER**  
For Councilman—**J. L. MARSHALL**  
For Councilman—**W. E. HURST**  
For School Director—**SAMUEL L. MOTTER**  
For School Director—**J. E. BAKER**

After a noise made by the twin gop dailies loud enough that it could be heard at Forbes and Intan and which in these screams detailed what was going to happen when the "bloody democratic factions get together in the convention Saturday," the Democracy of St. Joseph put the gop twins to the blush—if they could—when on that day the aforesaid convention was pulled off in a quiet calm that would have done credit to Bill Spratt's Sunday school class in action—it was so sedate, so calm, so peaceful. It but exemplified the old saying that when gentlemen meet they do as gentlemen should—and all democrats are gentlemen.

When the convention met in the court house Saturday forenoon F. W. Paschal was made chairman and T. J. P. Smith secretary. Paschal surrendered the chair for a short time and placed the name of Dr. John C. Whitsell up for ratification as per the primary. There was no objection and amid a burst of enthusiastic cheering in which all of his late opponents took part it was unanimously ratified. Then when he was brought before the convention by Senator Lysnight, Ed Burke and Robert B. Marshall he was given an ovation enthusiastic, hearty and loyal. When he could make himself heard Dr. Whitsell in a brief speech but which was full of good for St. Joseph's future pledged himself to carry out the wishes of the sovereign people of St. Joseph and give them what they asked—a progressive and up-reaching administration.

**Grosser Hardly Cheered**  
When the crowd after acclaiming Dr. Whitsell noticed Henry E. Grosser in the audience it did not rest until he stepped to the platform and when that war horse of democracy told them he was there to give Whitsell and the entire ticket his most active support the great audience gave him an ovation almost the equal tendered to Dr. Whitsell.

So good an official has he made and so clean is his record that James E. Weis, the present incumbent, was unanimously nominated for a second term as treasurer.

George W. Kaiser, the present capable and efficient auditor, was nominated over Mrs. John W. Muir by a vote of 109 to 63.

It required three ballots to select a candidate for police judge, Richard D. Fulks, one of the most capable men in the city, winning by a vote of 93 to William Harmon's 78. Billy Pace and William Howard also contented.

For councilmen three most excellent business men were nominated, A. A. Conner, president of the Connor Music Co., formerly the Olney Music Co.; J. L. Marshall of the Marshall & Dunn Grocery Co., a former member of the council, and W. E. Hurst, one of the best known citizens of the South End and commander of Ross Dugger Post, American Legion.

When the nomination of school directors was reached William N. Linn scored a decided victory when he knocked out the old system of each party nominating two candidates, each party to ratify the other party's selection, and on Linn's motion nominating two Democrats to be voted for by the people. Linn amid great applause knocked out the eye of the afternoon gop sheet when he declared that he no longer would support candidates that a pretended independent sheet put up for him to support—and his motion carried almost unanimously. Samuel L. Motter and J. E. Baker were then nominated as Democrats—

and will be elected along with the rest of the ticket.

The platform was then read and adopted with ringing cheers, after which the convention adjourned amid cheers for a ticket put in the field which will sweep all before it.

**The New Committee**  
The new committee which on Monday night met and organized by electing Frank W. Paschal chairman, T. J. P. Smith secretary and J. F. Dooley treasurer. Mrs. S. R. Sealeman was elected assistant chairman. The new committee proposes to wage one of the most aggressive campaigns staged for many years past. It is made up of the following hustlers:

First ward—Precinct A. Roy Rush; B. Dr. J. T. Stamey; C. J. F. Chialabre; D. Jack Haight; E. W. N. Linn; F. William McGinnis.

Second ward—A. William Jutten; B. John Flaherty; C. John Marnell; E. Smith A. Penney; F. William Williams.

Third ward—A. J. H. Barnes; B. W. D. McNeill; C. Bart M. Lockwood; D. R. L. Sullivan; E. F. A. Ramey; F. F. P. Yennawine.

Fourth ward—A. James Marnell; B. James Ray; C. Dr. J. F. Owens; D. J. W. Morris; E. F. W. Paschal; F. James S. Burris.

Fifth ward—A. J. J. Tromper; B. E. J. Byrne; C. Robert Plieher; D. P. W. Holkenbrink; E. W. L. Patrick; F. William McNichols.

Sixth ward—A. Joseph Lawlor; B. S. P. Reynolds; C. A. P. Craighill; D. Andy Melkowski; E. W. B. Haez; F. L. E. Koch; G. E. Eagan; H. F. E. Keller.

Seventh ward—A. J. J. Brown; B. L. V. Kanan; C. Joseph Reardon; D. William McGrath; E. J. W. Byrne.

Eighth ward—A. A. Veresge; B. F. J. Stever; C. M. T. Shea; D. R. B. Marshall; E. M. D. Bealla.

Ninth ward—A. Charles Drowns; B. J. F. Burlington; C. W. H. Sherman; D. J. J. McGreevey; E. J. E. Metcalf; F. Jack Barber.

Tenth ward—A. Clyde Noah; B. W. A. Strautman; C. Dave Essman.

**The Party Platform**  
The committee on platform done its duty well and when the document was presented to the convention, it was adopted with much enthusiasm. In full the platform says:  
"We, the delegates regularly elected by the Democrats of the City of St. Joseph, in convention assembled hereby declare our adherence to the principles of government herein enunciated and advocate the measure set forth in these resolutions.

"We affirm allegiance to the Democratic party but we believe that local issues are of paramount importance in the coming city campaign.

"We deplore the awful conditions of the public highways of the city and pledge the taxpayers a more economic application of the funds available for street improvements, and we promise a sufficient force of workmen continuously employed throughout the year to keep the streets in repair. We also guarantee economy and efficiency in making original improvements on the streets to the end that money paid for street improvements by the property owners shall represent an honest outlay of labor and materials. We condemn the present Republican administration for its incompetency and lack of business methods in relation thereto.

**Public Service Corporations**  
"We protest against the exorbitant rates charged by certain public service companies for the service furnished the city and its citizens; the relation of these companies to the city and its consumers is intolerable and we condemn the present Republican administration for not protecting the citizens of St. Joseph in this matter. We hold that all public service corporations—

(Continued on Page 1.)  
A. C. Witt has received his commission as postmaster of Gower.

### SQUARE DEALERS SCORE

They Make Short Work of the Fellows Who Stand in Their Way.

Billy Linn says that the silk stockings, alias the Square Dealers, Newberryized the gop election on Wednesday—that is they used Newberry methods—and as a result Mayor Marshall was rolled and John Albus and John D. Clark were pushed over the bank. The Square Dealers, with whom it was McIninch-at-any-cost, got their candidate nominated—but if they get any further in the game—with the horns nest their actions have stirred up—it will be a little on the colored boy and his cuber order.

McIninch received 4,219 votes; Marshall, 3,831; John Albus, 231, and John D. Clark, 97. Both Albus and Clark withdrew early in the afternoon, but not until their work was done.

Frank H. Allen was nominated for city auditor over George Worth, an ex-service man. The vote was Allen, 4,327; Worthen, 3,847. Allen's majority 480.

William T. Gray, police judge, had no opposition for the nomination for police judge. He received 8,135 votes.

The Republican city committee elected is as follows: First ward, Earl Wilson; Second ward, H. J. Leslie; Third ward, Harper Lindsay; Fourth ward, Ben Shearer; Fifth ward, J. H. Robertson; Sixth ward, Frank Brand; Seventh ward, John Brendel; Eighth ward, John Schuder; Ninth ward, G. R. Jones; Tenth ward, M. B. Hickman. The committee complexion is so Square Deal that it has whippers. The convention today promises to be interesting.

### PONSSELLE TUESDAY NIGHT

The Famous Metropolitan Opera Star Will Close the Season for Mrs. Hill.

The indications from inquiries received by Mrs. Francis Henry Hill are that when the box office opens at the Jenkins Music store this morning for the Ponselle concert Tuesday night, there will be a great advance sale. The list of country inquiries and reservations is the best of the season, and on Tuesday night the Auditorium will hold a brilliant audience.

Miss Ponselle is American born, of Italian parentage. She is a dramatic soprano singer and is to the Metropolitan what Rosa Ponselle, who had been originally booked for this number, is to the Chicago Opera Company. She is now on a concert tour extending to the Middle West, and Mrs. Hill considers that she has been extremely fortunate in being able to secure the sensational young singer for a St. Joseph date.

She is unquestionably one of the most popular members of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and is a young beautiful woman whose debut was made with the lamented Caruso, with whom she sang two seasons during which she won laurels. Prior to entering grand opera, she had a most successful career in musical comedy.

Mrs. Hill wishes to call the attention of her patrons to the change in the date for the final number from March 31, and to say that tickets bearing the date March 31 will be accepted March 21.

### DEARBORN BANK TO REOPEN MONDAY

Five former directors of the suspended Bank of Dearborn having paid in \$5,300 each, which will insure all depositors against loss, the bank at once reorganized and will open for business on Monday, the same as usual. The new stockholders have selected John S. Williams as president, and these substantial men as directors: Ed C. Smith, John S. Williams, H. C. Woodward, Ed Skaggs, James A. Drals and William Shapter of Dearborn, and E. A. Wheat of Kansas City.

### AFTER O. A. SANDUSKY'S PROPERTY

Mrs. Olivia F. Polk, who claims that the late Oliver A. Sandusky made a contract with her to take care of him from 1915 to his death in return for his \$70,000, has been obliged to file suit to attempt to substantiate her claim. She has sued sixteen collateral heirs of the deceased, and the indications are that she will have the fight of her life.

Fifteen members of the Barbers' union went to the Home For Little Wanderers Thursday, and trimmed the children's hair.

The new Chamber of Commerce rooms will be formally opened to the public Monday night with a programme.

### HAD BETTER INCREASE CLAUSEN'S COMPENSATION

FOR MEN OF HIS WORTH ARE ENTITLED TO EXCESS PAY

### HE "MIXED THE MEDICINE" FOR THE WORLD WAR

Matthew G. Clausen, the Close Friend of Capt. Roy—Ed Dr. Albert and Von Bernstorff and Who Did the Advertising for Germany After the War Began in Europe, Has Now a Fat Position at Nine Thousand a Year as Advertising Manager for the Shipping Board.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Special News Correspondence.)—The Sixty-seventh Congress has just completed the first year of its term. It has but twelve more months of existence; if its latter half leaves no better impression on the country than its first, then certain it is that it will go down in history as one of the big disappointments, disheartening to its closest friends and even to its own membership. Few, if any, attempt to defend a Congress that has become the butt of the jokes on the stage and in the funny papers. Its efforts—if they can be called such—to relieve the distress of the country might become tragic if it were not for the saving sense of humor possessed by the American people. Everyone laughs when Abe Martin says that business is picking up—he quotes the proprietor of the five and ten cent store as saying he has sold more checkersboards in the last year than during all of Wilson's administration. And the Washington theatre rings with applause when Will Rogers, the comedian, tells of the recent fire on the roof of the treasury—how it stopped when it had burned down to where the money was, for the administration had beat the fire to it. Every test of public opinion shows that congress has made itself intensely unpopular. If anyone had prophesied this outcome when Harding and the big Republican majority in Congress came to bat a year ago he

(Continued on Page Three)

### MRS. VIRGINIA WEAKLEY CALLED

While she was visiting at the residence of Mrs. Edward C. Dameron in New Brunswick last September, Mrs. Virginia O'Neill Weakley was stricken with illness. She was brought home, and died Thursday morning at her residence, No. 600 North Eighth street. She leaves her two sons, L. O. Weakley of this city, A. R. Weakley of San Antonio, Tex., a daughter, Mrs. Hugh Rowland of this city, and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral occurred from the First Presbyterian church yesterday, of which church she was a lifetime member. She was one of the best known and highly respected ladies of St. Joseph and will be sadly missed.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROPERLY OBSERVED

If Erin's patron saint could have looked over St. Joseph yesterday, he would have found that his memory was properly observed. At St. Patrick's church the A. O. H. attended in a body, Rev. William F. Gott chanted solemn high mass, and Rev. Henry Tierney of Trenton delivered a most eloquent sermon. At night at the Lyceum an elaborate programme was carried out, the Rev. Henry Courtney, O. S. B. of Atchison, delivering the address, after being introduced by Judge T. F. Ryan. There was much music and oratory.

### TIRED OF THE WEATHER BUREAU

The farmers of Cole county are not at all enthusiastic over the county agent bureau which they have been maintaining for some time in that county. A large delegation appeared before the county court of that county last week, and asked that body to cut off the appropriation made by Cole county for the support of the bureau.

**ROBERT I. YOUNG ANNOUNCES**  
A telegram from Jefferson City received yesterday announces that Robert I. Young, the well known farmer and stock raiser living south of the city, had filed for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

The St. Joseph convalescent of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine gave a dinner at the Robidoux Thursday night.

Thomas Hickey, 78, for many years a crossing flagman at Sixth and Renwick, died Thursday.

### BOTH FEELING EFFECTS OF NORMALCY

Mrs. N. J. Erickson, a housewife living near Gentry, Mo., filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here Monday, listing her liabilities at \$2,945.88, with no assets. W. H. Erickson, a farmer near Gentry, also filed a voluntary petition, listing liabilities at \$4,269.11 and assets at \$410.

### THEY CAN SWEEP AWAY THE OPPOSITION

AND CARRY THE PARTY BANNER TO VICTORY IN THE COMING NOVEMBER

### MAY BE FOUND IN THIS GREAT GALAXY

As It Is Almost Certain That the Democrats Will Have a Landslide in Their Favor in the Coming Election It Is a Certainty That None But the Best of Men Will Be Selected by the Party to Give Due Credit to the Office and Their Constituency When the Races Are Won.

JEFFERSON CITY, March 17.—(Correspondence.)—With all indications emphatically presaging that the democratic landslide of next November will equal that of 1912 when Woodrow Wilson swept Missouri with a plurality of 123,000, extreme care must be exercised by party electors at the August primary to vote only for candidates of such high calibre that they meet the approval and can readily be supported by the thousands of republicans the state over who have announced and are eager to vote the "other way next time" to bring prosperity back to the country.

With taxes out of proportions and therefore ruinous for farmers and wage earners, and lightened for corporations and other "interests," including the "exclusive rich," the major class of Missourians, ordinarily known and designated as "commoners" by the "chosen few," are ready for a return to real normalcy as it was in the good, old days before the World War, a Utopian perfection which can be regained only through once more placing the "only reliable party" back at the helm, both nationally and in the state. Such is the consensus of opinion voiced daily by the mighty hosts from all nooks and corners of the commonwealth who appear before the "gop" state tax commission in the capitol seeking redress from the heavy and wholly unnecessary tax burden shifted to their shoulders during the last year.

### Party Honors to be Conferred

At the August primary the two leading parties will each select a candidate for United States senator; sixteen congressional aspirants; three possibilities for Supreme Court judges, and three more for the State Court of Appeals, one each, the St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield districts; one pedagogist for superintendent of public schools; seventeen mortal patriots enough in case of election to serve as state senators for a mere stipend; enough martyrs endowed with an unusual amount of legal knowledge and ability to fill all existing circuit judgeships, and, last, but not least, sufficient staunch volunteers to accept the sacrificing glory of being the nominees for representatives and for all county offices which legally become vacant at the close of 1922. For all of these party honors, high and low, women, old and young, pretty and otherwise, since the advent of state equal suffrage, are as eligible as men.

### Gardner Will Not Run

Breckenridge Long, St. Louis, lawyer and assistant secretary of state under President Wilson, and the democratic nominee for United States Senator from Missouri two years ago, has already filed for renomination, Senator James A. Reed of Kansas City, the present incumbent, will announce definitely what his intentions are early in April. Friends of former Governor P. D. Gardner of St. Louis, whose brilliant administration of the executive affairs of Missouri then put the state out of debt through the payment of an ever-growing deficit of \$2,300,000 dating back ten years, attempted to lure him into the big senatorial contest, fully aware that his entree was equivalent to nomination and election, but he graciously declined to heed the call. At this point it may not be improper and untimely to say that this refusal has but strengthened a spontaneous wide-spread movement

(Continued on Page Five.)

### THE DEMOCRATS VOTED FOR THE GOOD BILLS

AND THE RECORD OF THE VOTE SHOWS THAT FACT CONCLUSIVELY

### BYRNS TAKES THE WIND OUT OF FESS' SAILS

In An Address Which Bristled With Facts and the Figures to Prove Them He Showed That Instead of the Economy That Fess Claimed Was Practiced That There Was Over a Billion More Increase in Government Expenses Now Than Was Had in 1916.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Special Correspondence.)—Party spokesmen have been busy of late reviewing the achievements and failures of the first year of Harding administration. The result is well summed up in a paragraph from a comprehensive statement issued by Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National committee, which says:  
"The first year of this administration will always be notable for its failures rather than for its successes."

The first spokesman for the administration was the chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, Dr. Fess, described by Representative Robert Y. Thomas, Jr. (Dem., Ky.), as "the evasive and slippery gentleman from Ohio," who won for himself the additional title of General Claim Agent for the Republican party. He appended to his remarks a list of all measures enacted by this Republican Congress, including the resolutions, but as Representative Byrns (Dem., Tenn.) pointed out, the bills were practically all bridge bills and claims and pensions and matters of no general public interest. "Read his speech," said Mr. Byrns, "and you will find that he has been unable to point out any real constructive measures which has passed."

Dr. Fess claimed credit for his party for the following and other legislation: The Budget Act; the Emergency Tariff, the extension of credit to the Farm

(Continued on Page Six.)

### THE JURIES INSTRUCTED

Judge Vories Tells Them How to Proceed in the Park Condemnation Cases.

On Wednesday, Judge L. A. Vories called the three juries selected to assess the park damages and benefits before him, and gave them their instructions, which were complete and concise. The court set March 27 for the first hearing of the south project, and each project will be taken up separately. The south jury is already at work. The south jury is made up of Charles Waddles, chairman; Frank M. Baldwin, J. B. Shackelford, H. H. Hutchinson, E. L. Platt, W. E. Chalmers.

The jury which will assess the benefits and damages for the north projects is comprised as follows:  
C. E. Dickey, chairman; E. L. Smith, R. B. Marshall, John Egli, C. W. Meyer and D. T. Atchison.

### THE PASSING OF W. G. FAIRLEIGH JR.

William G. Fairleigh, Jr., son of the late W. G. Fairleigh, a pioneer St. Joseph merchant, died Sunday night, after a brief illness with liver trouble and heart disease. He was 40 years of age, and is survived by his widow, a daughter Virginia, 10 years of age, a brother, J. A. Fairleigh, and his sister, Mrs. R. M. Davis. He was a most estimable citizen and will be sadly missed.

### ST. JOSEPH STILL MOST HEALTHY

St. Joseph, according to the federal health report just made public, still stands near the top in health matters, this city standing fifth in general health, and seventh in low death rate. Spokane is at the top. The report of deaths in places near here during the year show that there were 10,668 in St. Louis, 6,790 in Kansas City, 2,600 in Omaha and 1,300 in St. Joseph.

Clyde Griffey, 296 North Fifth, was arrested Wednesday night, charged with driving a car while drunk. He collided with the car of Mrs. Gus Smith, and both cars were smashed.

Katherine Burke filed suit for \$10,000 damages Thursday against some of her South Eleventh street neighbors, alleging she fell on a defective sidewalk.

Henry F. Estes, 27, died Thursday.

### AFTER THE O'CONNOR'S

Nebraska Prosecutor Files Proceedings Against the Former St. Joseph Lawyer.

James B. O'Connor, for many years a practicing lawyer here, but now of Kansas City where he has lived for the past five years, and also with his mother and brothers a claimant to the \$100,000 fortune of the reclusive O'Connor of Hastings, Neb., which James O'Connor and his family have been fighting for ever since the purported will of the dead man was filed, now seems not only a loser in the will proceedings, but in facing criminal proceedings as well.

Information reached here this week that criminal proceedings have been filed in Hastings against James B. O'Connor, the former St. Joseph, now Kansas City lawyer; his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Connor; a sister, Mary L. O'Connor; and eight brothers. The Missouri O'Connors a short time ago filed applications to submit proof of heirship, and hearing on the application is set for March 23.

If they set foot in Adams county, however, they will face arrest under the criminal charge now filed. The Missouri O'Connors were the proponents of a will offered for probate in county court in 1917, which purported to be the will of John O'Connor, executed at St. Joseph in October, 1908. Probate was denied, but on appeal to the district court that court held the will to be genuine. The supreme court reversed the lower court and declared the will a forgery. The county attorney now charges the Missouri claimants with fraud in uttering an instrument which he alleges they knew was a forgery.

### TO HOLD FALL FESTIVAL

The Civic Festival Association Elects Officers and Gets Ready for Business.

St. Joseph will have a fall festival this year, which will eclipse the successes of past years, from the fact that conditions will be better the present season than for many seasons past. The festival was decided upon at a joint meeting of the Civic Festival Association and the Chamber of Commerce. The festival will probably take place the week of the stockyards, and will be held uptown.

Announcement of the officers and directors of the festival association was made as follows:

Edwin L. Morris, president; J. J. Goodrich, vice-president; A. A. Conner, secretary; H. E. Wyatt, treasurer; J. S. Isaac, John Wunderlich, R. J. Craig, Sol Hirsch, W. P. Justice, P. E. Parrott and E. R. Tracy, directors; C. R. Reid, D. B. Houston, Fred Henderson, Isadore Weinman, N. A. Beach and J. P. Moore, associate committee to act with the directors.

### THE P. C. O. CO. ASSETS ARE SOLD

The St. Joseph men—some two dozen in number—made up of automobile men here who were dispossessed on the now defunct Producers Consolidated Oil Co., which was very actively promoted here by a local man, now know just about how much they can save from the wreck. Last week the entire assets were auctioned off at Kansas City and brought a total of \$95,769. The book value of the stuff was \$308,000. It is figured that the local "investors" will realize 30 cents on the dollar.

### HAD TWO BIG JUDGMENTS ATTEMPTED

Duval & Boyd and their associate counsel, Miles Elliott, were feeling quite well, thank you, Tuesday over the receipt of a telegram from Jefferson City informing them that the \$20,000 damage suit of Myers vs. the Burlington and the \$10,000 suit of Iram against the Walworth had both been affirmed, and their clients will now get their just dues.

### "SOME KIND" OF A MEETING

About a thousand men marched from Turner hall to the new ball park Sunday afternoon, among them G. A. Olmstead, supported by E. K. K. organizer, Paul Polk, Dr. Wm. Muse Campbell, Councilman Jess Holman and other prominent. The marchers were admitted only by card, and are said to have endorsed two city candidates.

### MILES DOPE JOINT IS RAIDED

Police officers made a raid on the dope joint conducted by William Miles, a negro, at 209 1/2 North Second street, Tuesday forenoon, and captured Miles, and William and Rosa Williams, also colored, along with a large quantity of opium and cocaine, a revolver and \$270 in money. All were turned over to the federal authorities.